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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (a) & (b) The Collector of Malabar is taking action to grant remission of land revenue in deserving cases in accordance with the provisions in the Board's Standing Orders. In all cases where land revenue has been remitted, the landlord is bound to remit the whole or proportionate rent due to him from the tenant."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Opening of fire on mobs.

16 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of times fire was opened on mobs and demonstrations from 3rd May 1952 up to 1st August 1953, throughout the State;

(b) the total number of lathi charges during the abovesaid period; and

(c) the total number of rounds of fire opened during the abovesaid period?

A.—(a) to (c) During the period in question fire had to be opened on 8 (eight) occasions. The total number of rounds fired on these eight occasions all told was 54 (fifty-four). The number of occasions on which lathi charge had to be resorted to during the period was 11 (eleven). The figures furnished relate to the present State of Madras.

Statistics about rickshaws in the City.

17 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many rickshaws are permitted by the Police Department for hire purposes in the City of Madras;

(b) how many rickshaws are holding licences given by the Corporation of Madras;

(c) whether licences are issued to the cycle rickshaws in the City;

(d) how many cycle rickshaws are constructed in the City and how many of them applied for police licences; and

(e) how many auto-rickshaws are running in the City and whether all of them are working satisfactorily?

A.—(a) The number of hand-pulled rickshaws permitted for hire is 3,750.

(b) The Corporation of Madras has issued licences to 5,627 rickshaws, which number includes both private owned vehicles and vehicles licensed under the Hackney Carriage Act.

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(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has not been possible to ascertain the exact number of cycle-rickshaws manufactured in the City. Two hundred and eighty cycle-rickshaws have so far been registered.

(e) One hundred and fifty-seven auto-rickshaws are in the City and they are stated to be running satisfactorily.

Punishment of Gazetted Officers for offences of corruption.

18 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Gazetted Officers who were booked for the offences of corruption during the years 1945–53;

(b) the names of the respective departments in which such officers were serving at the time of the offences;

(c) the actual salaries and allowances they were drawing at that time;

(d) how many of them were punished and how;

(e) whether any of them were prosecuted in any criminal courts; and

(f) if so, the results thereof?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to his previous starred questions No. 243, dated 14th February 1953, and No. 1940, dated 26th March 1953, on the same subject. The particulars then collected are given in the Annexure.[a] The Government consider that further gathering of precise information will involve much time and labour which will not be commensurate with any good purpose, mere collection of such statistics may serve.

Defalcation in co-operative societies.

19 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases of defalcation in the several co-operative societies in our State during the years 1952–53 that were detected; and

(b) the steps taken, if any, against the persons concerned with the defalcation and the results thereof?

A.—(a) 168.

(b) 74 out of 168 cases detected are under departmental investigation; 3 were dropped; complaints have been filed with the Police in the remaining 91 cases. Of these complaints, 28 are under police investigation, 26 ended

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 267 infra.

either in the discharge or the acquittal of the accused persons concerned; 12 ended in conviction and the remaining 25 cases are under trial in courts.

Relief to the victims of flood in Tiruchirappalli district.

20 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the details of the loss by recent floods in the rivers "Cauvery" and "Godavari";

(*b*) what are the immediate relief measures rendered by the Government in Tiruchirappalli and Godavari districts, respectively;

(*c*) the approximate number of people affected by the floods and the number of villages flooded; and

(*d*) the number of deaths—persons and cattle, etc., in detail?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) In the middle of August 1953, the river "Cauvery" was in floods and Chintamani, which is a low-lying area in the Tiruchirappalli town, was flooded resulting in the collapse of about 25 huts out of 70. About 700 persons were rendered homeless and all of them were immediately removed to safe quarters and arrangements were made to feed them with public help. There has been no loss of human life or cattle or property other than the huts referred to above. An extent of about 1,600 acres in the villages of Chintamani, Woraiyur, Pandamangalam, Puthur, Devadanam, Kambarasampetti and Marudandakurichi lying contiguous to one another was water-logged and in Musiri taluk water-logging was reported in about 350 acres of lands in four or five villages together. During the time the floods lasted, elaborate arrangements were made with the help of local philanthropic men to feed the affected persons and the municipal authorities made satisfactory sanitary arrangements. A non-official committee was formed with the Collector as the President, the Commissioner of the Tiruchirappalli Municipality as the Secretary and the Treasury Deputy Collector as the Treasurer, to concert measures for giving relief to the people affected by the floods. In response to the appeal, a sum of Rs. 5,452 was collected. The Government also propose to sanction a sum of Rs. 3,620 for making cash grants to the persons affected by the floods.

This Government have no up-to-date and full information regarding the damage caused by the Godavari floods. In view of the formation of the Andhra State, the question of affording relief to the victims of the Godavari floods is now the concern of that State.

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Districts without Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars.

21 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the names of the districts where there are no Headquarters Deputy Tahsildars?

A.—North Arcot (except Vellore taluk).
South Arcot (all taluks).
Tanjore (three taluks).
Tiruchirappalli (except Tiruchirappalli taluk).
Madurai (except Madurai and Dindigul taluks).
Ramanathapuram (all taluks).
Tirunelvell (Tiruchendur and Tenkasi taluks).
Coimbatore (except Coimbatore and Erode taluks).
Salem (except Hosur, Dharmapuri, Tiruchengode and Attur taluks).
South Kanara (Coondapoor and Karkal taluks).
Malabar (Kottayam, Wynaad, Walluvanad, Cochin and Kurumbrand taluks).
The Nilgiris (Gudalur taluk).

Amount spent on relief measures in the districts.

22 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the amount of money spent by the Government in six months ending with 31st August 1953 on relief measures in various districts of the State separately?

A.—A statement[a] showing the amount spent on relief measures in the various districts of the State during the six months ending with 31st August 1953 is appended.

Assignment of darkhast lands in Kasaragod taluk.

23 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of darkhast petitions received by the Tahsildar of Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, in the years 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953; and

(*b*) in how many cases assignments have been made so far?

A.—(*a*)

Year.	Number of darkhast applications received.
1949	1,388
1950	3,210
1951	1,827
1952	1,411
1953 up to 31st August 1953.	1,217

(*b*) 114.

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Costs of jamabandi in Pudukkottai division.

24 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the costs (talukwar) of jamabandi held last year in the three taluks of Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) the number of petitions received at the jamabandi as per each taluk;

(*c*) the number of petitions disposed of at the jamabandi camp itself;

(*d*) the number not disposed of at the camp itself and pending disposal;

(*e*) how many of the petitions received as per each taluk relate to irrigation works; and

(*f*) how many of such petitions relating to irrigation works were disposed of?

A.—

	Tirumayam taluk.	*Alangudi taluk.*	*Kolathur taluk.*
(*a*)	Rs. 1,596-8-0	Rs. 1,380-14-0	Rs. 1,544-5-0
(*b*)	496	484	465
(*c*)	80	484	50
(*d*) (i) Number not disposed of at the camp itself.	416	Nil	415
(ii) Number still pending.	Nil	Nil	49
(*e*)	78	91	60
(*f*)	78	91	60

Grant of agricultural loans in Pudukkottai division.

25 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in a tabulated form the number of applications from each taluk of Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, for agricultural loans of Rs. 50, Rs. 100, Rs. 150, Rs. 200, Rs. 250, Rs. 300, Rs. 350, Rs. 400, Rs. 450 and Rs. 500 and over for the year 1951–52;

(*b*) the number of such applications in each taluk allotted under each head which were complied with; and

(*c*) the number still pending disposal?

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) A statement[a] containing the required particulars is appended.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 270 infra.

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Local development works in the State.

26 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned by the Planning Commission for local development works in the State;

(*b*) the amount allotted to each district;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned to each taluk in South Kanara including Hosdrug sub-taluk; and

(*d*) the schemes approved by the Government in each taluk in South Kanara?

A.—(*a*) The Government of India made a grant of Rs. 40 lakhs for local development works in the Composite Madras State. Out of this grant, the share of this State, after partition, works out to Rs. 24·69 lakhs.

(*b*) The grant of Rs. 24·69 lakhs allocated for this State has been distributed among the districts, except the Madras City, on a population basis by this Government. A statement[a] showing the share of each district of this State is given in Annexure I.

(*c*) The distribution of the grant has been made only for each district and not for each taluk and sub-taluk.

(*d*) A statement showing the schemes sanctioned for execution in the several taluks in the South Kanara district is given in Annexure II.

Grant of takkavi loans in Malabar.

27 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications were received from the peasants of Malabar for takkavi loans taluk-war in 1952-53; and

(*b*) how many applicants were granted loans and how many were not granted; and for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[b] is appended.

Sinking of wells under the Rural Water-supply Scheme in the Salem district.

28 *Q.*—Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells dug so far in each taluk of Salem district under the Rural Water-supply Scheme for the year 1952-53; and

(*b*) what is the total amount of money spent on the same?

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[b] Printed as Appendix VI on page 274 infra.

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The number of wells sunk in each taluk of the Salem district during 1952–53 and the expenditure incurred thereon are furnished below :—

Name of taluk.	Number of wells.	Amount spent.
		RS.
Hosur	18	23,165
Krishnagiri ..	11	11,026
Dharmapuri ..	7	10,911
Harur	12	13,438
Salem	13	6,245
Omalur	6	14,297
Tiruchengode ..	10	14,926
Namakkal ..	3	2,829
Rasipur	1	1,752
Attur	2	1,072
Total ..	83	99,661

Formation of Statutory Committees in the Tiruchirappalli disrict.

29 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various district committees statutorily formed by the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli, for 1951–52 and 1952–53, with their personnel and functions;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred on each of the committees; and

(*c*) the recommendations made by each of the committees and the action taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) No committee was statutorily formed by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for 1951–52 and 1952–53.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Digging of wells by the Army units.

30 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the places in this State visited by Army Personnel in 1952 to dig or reopen drinking water wells; and

(*b*) the number of wells dug or deepened by them, the costs involved and the number of personnel employed?

A.—(*a*) The Army units were deputed to deepen wells in Ramanathapuram, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli districts and they visited such areas in these districts as the Collectors indicated to them for operations.

(b) (i) The number of wells deepened is as follows :—

Name of district.		Number of wells deepened.
		RS.
Coimbatore ..	..	32
Salem	..	30
Tiruchirappalli	..	5
Madurai ..	..	15
Ramanathapuram	..	15
Total	..	97

(ii) The cost involved was as follows :—

		RS.
Wages to mazdoors	.. ..	10,893
Purchase of sundry articles	..	1,304
Rent for buildings and other incidental charges.		975
Freight charges for drums supplied by the Army and petrol charges, etc., for lorries.		25,147
Total	..	38,619

The normal cost of the Army personnel (including their pay, allowances, rations, etc.) was borne by the Government of India.

(iii) Particulars regarding the number of personnel employed are not available.

Relief to the victims of floods in Malabar.

31 Q.—Sri M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of houses which were destroyed in each of the taluks by the recent floods in Malabar district;

(b) what relief was given to them;

(c) how many of them are yet to get relief; and

(d) what relief was given to the farmers who were affected by the floods?

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A.—(a) The number of houses which were destroyed or damaged in each of the taluks of the Malabar district by the recent floods were—

1	Chirakkal taluk	923
2	Kottayam taluk	79
3	Kurumbranad taluk	338
4	Wynaad taluk	..
5	Kozhikode taluk	105
6	Ernad taluk	466
7	Walluvanad taluk	11
8	Palghat taluk	..
9	Ponnani taluk	238
10	Fort Cochin taluk	..

(b) A sum of Rs. 34,568 was disbursed towards grant for the reconstruction of houses damaged or destroyed by floods.

(c) Nil.

(d) A sum of Rs. 10,000 was placed at the disposal of each of the District Agricultural Officers of North and South Malabar exclusively for the grant of loans to the agriculturists in the flood-affected areas for the purchase of seed manure. The entire amount was utilized for the purpose. In addition the Revenue authorities have been instructed to grant loans liberally under the usual takkavi rules for the reclamation of silted agricultural lands.

Number of vehicles with valid permits in Malabar.

32 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how many vehicles under the following categories are now in Malabar with valid permits and licences:—

(1) Motor transport buses;

(2) Lorries;

(3) Private cars;

(4) Taxi cars;

(5) Motor transport vans;

(6) Motor cycles;

(7) Spare buses; and

(8) Spare lorries.

A.—The numbers are as follows:—

Motor transport buses	358
Lorries	980
Private cars	2,238

Taxis	67
Motor transport vans	20
Motor cycles	199
Spare buses	63
Spare lorries	124

Translation of Madras Acts into the Malayalam language.

33 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, at present, copies of the Acts of the Madras Legislature, translated into Malayalam, are available for sale;

(*b*) if so, the enactments so available now; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to do so?

A.—(*a*) Translations of important Madras Acts into the Malayalam language are generally made available for sale if there is a demand for such translations; but in the case of unimportant or formal Acts, such translations are not made.

(*b*) A list of the enactments translated into Malayalam available with the Controller of Stationery and Printing for sale is at pages 48—58 (*b*) of the catalogue of Government Publications, as corrected up to the 31st December 1952, which is a priced publication. A copy of the catalogue has been placed in the Legislature Library for reference.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Death of children due to dysentery in Malabar.

34 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether Government have information as to the number of children below 16 who died of dysentery or allied diseases in the various taluks of the Malabar district in the year 1953?

A.—No, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER:—" Questions are over. Let me take up the next item on the agenda. The Hon. Minister for Local Administration will now move his motion."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" On a point of order, Sir. In the previous session it was said that a day would be allotted for discussing the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education. May I know when we will be given an opportunity to discuss it? "

Mr. SPEAKER:—" It is only a point of information. The hon. Member should have given previous notice of it. The Hon. the Minister for Local Administration will move his motion."